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Nick Turse
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Dear Mr. Turse:

This responds to your request of 7 August 2014 in which you requested a copy of command briefings for senior level dignitaries and congressional delegations produced from 1 January 2013 to 13 February 2014. Your request was received in our office on 12 August 2014 and assigned case number 2014-08.

Enclosed are five Congressional Delegation (CODEL) briefs that partially respond to your request. Certain information is classified pursuant to section 1.4 of Execute Order 13526, Classified National Security Information. The unauthorized disclosure of this information could reasonably be expected to cause a serious damage to the national security. The information pertains to military plans, weapons systems, or operations; foreign activities of the United States, relating to the national security. Therefore, the information is properly protected pursuant to exemption (b) (1) of section 552 of title 5 associated with your request. Exemption (b) (5) deliberates process of privileged litigation information. Exemption (b) (6) protects names and personally identifying information of DoD personnel which if disclosed could constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. A copy of all releasable portions is enclosed.

You are advised that if you are not satisfied with my action on this request you may appeal this determination, in writing, to the Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Code 14) 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to be considered. A statement as to why your appeal should be granted should be included and a copy of this letter should be attached. Both the appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Fees associated with the processing of your request are waived in this instance.

Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to, Commander Ian S. Wexler, at Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor HI, (Code NO2L), (808) 473-5826.

Sincerely,

I. S. WEXLER
Force Judge Advocate

By direction